

missioners, between the day of July, 1848, and the day of December, 1848; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., January 29th, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Senators present—Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Lattimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the House.

A bill for the relief of Edward Miles—and a bill to define boundary line between Gonzales and Caldwell counties. Also, the following bills originating in the Senate, viz:

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Patsy Lewis, deceased, a bill donating to John Neil and James O. Rice one league of land, each for being permanently disabled in the service of the Republic of Texas, and one league of land to the legal heirs of Hays Covington, who was killed in the service of the same.

A bill for the relief of Cain T. Brush, a soldier in the army of the Republic of Texas, and

Joint resolution for the relief of John W. Little.

Also, a bill for the relief of the citizens of Mercer's Colony, with amendments.

Also, that the House concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills.

A bill authorizing the Galveston City Company to change the plan of a certain block of lots in the city of Galveston, and a bill to revive and amend an act to locate permanently the seat of justice for the county of DeWitt, approved March 9, 1848. Also, that the house had rejected a bill to change the name of Richmond Hill to David Randon.

Mr. Wallace made the following report.

COMMITTEE ROOM, January 28th, 1850.

To the Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George Washington Sheek.

A bill to be entitled an act legalizing and confirming the marriage of William Pearson and Elizabeth Ogle.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. Ballenill.

A Bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Comptroller to issue duplicates of certain certificates.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of William Arnold, deceased.

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to organize the county of Upshur, approved January 26th, 1848.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare John James Elliott the legitimate child of *William Elliott, and Polly Elliott, of the county of Rusk.

Joint resolution for the relief of Berry W. Perkins.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry B. Williams, deceased.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. H. Grisham.

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to create the county of Ellis.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of R. W. Balentine, deceased.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Falls.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Nacogdoches, approved March 16th, 1848.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Kinney.

A bill to be entitled an act more particularly defining the boundaries of Henderson county, and the

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of Robert Earl, deceased, have been examined by the joint committee on enrolled bills, and are here reported correctly enrolled.

B. RUSH WALLACE,

Chair'n on part of the Senate.

Mr. Grimes, Chairman of the Select Committee to which was referred a joint resolution relating to mails in Texas, reported the same back to the Senate with the following amendments, and recommended their adoption and the passage of the resolution.

Amendments.

Strike out all after "offices" in the 11th line, and insert "in the counties of Harris, Fort Bend, Austin Washington, Burleson, Milam, Fayette, Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Robertson, Limestone, Leon, Navarro Anderson, Houston, Liberty, Polk, Walker, Montgomery, Grimes, Williamson, Brazos, McClellan, Falls and Ellis."

Mr. Cooke, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts

to whom was referred the petition of many citizens in behalf of Wm. B. Andrews, reported the following bill, and recommended its passage.

A bill for the relief of William B. Andrews, read 1st time.

Mr. Cooke, from the same committee, made the following report.

The committee on claims and accounts to which was referred the petition of the heirs of George S. McIntosh, representing that said McIntosh held claims against the late Republic of Texas, amounting to the sum of \$13,520.83; 100 for his salary as *chargé des affaires*, which have been received, and certificates therefor given by the Auditor and Comptroller, under an act of the last session for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic, and praying that an appropriation should be made by the State for the payment of said claim, have considered the same.

While your committee would rejoice to see every person holding a claim against the late republic paid the full amount due him in cash, if the means and resources of the State were adequate for that purpose; yet, inasmuch as it is not in our power to pay them in that way, the committee do not conceive it would be expedient to select out particular creditors and pay them in a manner different from the others. They therefore return the petition, and recommend that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Cooke also made the following report.

The committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred an account in favor of the estate of Francis J. Haskins, deceased, for carrying the mail under the late Republic of Texas, have had the same under consideration. From the evidence before the committee, it appears that said Haskins carried the mail on route No. 19, from Galveston to Columbia, from the 1st of January, 1842, to the 1st of September, 1842, under a contract made with the Secretary of State, who at that time was the head of the Post Office department of the Republic of Texas, at the price of seven hundred and twelve dollars per annum, in part funds, for which he never received any pay. Your committee believe that justice requires that said claim should be audited and placed on the same footing as other claims against the late republic, and they herewith report a bill for the relief of the estate of said Haskins, and recommend its passage.

A bill for the relief of the estate of Francis J. Haskins. Read 1st time.

Mr. Cooke also made the following report.

The committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act for the relief of George T. Howard,

and Duncan C. Ogden, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they have examined the vouchers and evidences submitted to them, and are satisfied that the said Howard and Ogden advanced to the government of the republic of Texas the amount of merchandize mentioned in said bill, that said merchandize was advanced on the faith and credit of the government, and that in justice and equity, the relief sought by the bill should be granted. They therefore report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Cooke, chairman of the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin W. Bedford, of Panola county, Mississippi; reported the same back to the Senate, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the town of Rusk; reported the same back with amendments, and recommended their adoption and the passage of the bill.

Amendments.

In 2d section, 1st line, strike out "eight," and insert "five."

In the 8th section, second line, strike out all after the word "therefore."

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the Select committee, to which was referred a bill to amend an act to establish the Judicial districts of the District courts; reported the same back to the Senate without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Phillips introduced a bill making an appropriation of land for H. P. Brewster and James Webb; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule was suspended and bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Gage offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the committee on Contingent expenses, be instructed to contract for the printing of copies of the captions of the laws for the use of the Senate."

On motion of Mr. Parker, the rule was suspended; and on motion of Mr. Parker, the blank was filled with "1500," and resolution adopted.

Mr. Moffett made the following report:

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COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 29th, 1850.

HON. JOHN A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the joint resolution demanding of the Federal Government of the United States, the immediate abolition of all Military Government within the Territory of Texas, and authorizing the Governor to employ the whole force and resources of the State, to sustain the sovereignty and jurisdiction thereof; and report the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. Ward, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to provide for the payment of jurors, and a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas on the subject of slavery, correctly enrolled.

A bill for the relief of the citizens of Mercer's Colony, with amendments from the House; was read, and amendments concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, a bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Thompson, dec'd., was taken up; read and passed to a third reading.

Joint resolution for the relief of the estate of Lieutenant Lansing, dec'd.; read third time and passed.

A bill to create the office of State Translator; read third time.

Mr. Phillips offered the following amendment:

In the 2d section, 3d line, after the word "original," strike out the balance of the section, and insert "shall be prima facie evidence that such translation is correct." Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the bill was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents on certificates, issued by the board of Land commissioners, of Robertson county under certain restrictions, together with the report of the committee on Public Lands, offering an amendment thereto; was read, amendment adopted and bill passed to a third reading.

Joint resolution for the relief of persons who have obtained unconditional certificates from the County Court of Grimes county, sitting as a board of Land Commissioners, issued between the day of July, 1845, and the day of December, 1848; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the benefit of the heirs of Mrs. Isham Tooke; read second time.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Joint resolution providing more effectually for the protection of the frontier of Texas; read, and on motion of Mr. Robertson, laid on the table.

Joint resolution demanding of the Federal Government of the United States, the immediate abolition of all Military Government within the Territory of Texas, and authorizing the Governor to employ the whole force and resources of the State, to sustain the sovereignty and jurisdiction thereof; read.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to fix the price of land certificates, to be issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule was suspended; bill read second time.

Mr. Robertson moved to amend the bill by striking out "five," and inserting "eight," in the 6th line, after the word "land," rejected.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment, to come in at the end of second section:

"Said fees to be paid in par money, and to be paid into the State Treasury quarterly. Adopted.

The bill then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller to make a final settlement with the public printer, for printing the laws and journals of the second Legislature, together with the report of the committee on Finance, offering amendments thereto; was read, amendments adopted and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the rule was suspended; bill read third time and passed.

A bill regulating Estrays; read and passed to a third reading.

A bill supplementary to an act to amend an act to create and organize the county of Panola, together with the report of the committee on county boundaries, offering an amendment thereto, was read, amendment adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the Senate adjourned.